



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue
between
Belmont and LaRua

Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6:30
PM

Clinic -Casting, Tying,
Lunch
3RD Saturday, 9 AM

Christmas Party

Fall is here so Christmas can't be far behind. Time to get your tickets for the Christmas Party. Tuesday, December 10. \$30



Buy your tickets from Jay at any October club event. If you can't make it to the club mail your check payable to FFNWF to:

Jay Brykczynski
4983 Prieto Drive
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Club Meeting Tuesday, Oct 1 7:00

Time to get ready for the most exciting fishing of the year. Matt Wegener will present the program on The Running of the Bulls. Leave your red cape at home but bring your 10 wt and those big Clousers that you can cast 80 feet. Even if you can't cast 80 feet, you can buy Christmas Party tickets.

Fly Tying Thursday, Oct 10 6:30

We will be making the Docksider. Wear your Dockers and find some lights.

Clinic Saturday, Oct 19 9:00 AM

So we already had Oktoberfest. So what?!?
It's still October. And Russ is providing mesquite grilled chicken. Who needs sauerkraut as long as we have beer? Jonas will provide instruction on casting accuracy. Don't miss! It!!



Dorian

Friend of our club, Corbett Davis Jr, has friends in the Bahamas near the devastation wrought by Hurricane Dorian. All fishermen are 'friends' of those who depend on fishing for a living. Here is a link for information:

<https://www.southernsaltflyfishing.com/blog/2019/9/18/helping-the-bahamas-recover>

September Oktoberfest Clinic



Yum. Yum, yum. Yum, yum, yum.

Notice how thin Jerry is when he wears his lederhosen



VP's Corner – It's almost here, that short period in our fishing season to which we all look forward - the annual "Running of the Bulls." For the October program, Matt Wegener will present tips and tricks on the how/where/when of hunting (and catching) one of Pensacola's most important gamefish. Matt's programs are always superb and if you plan to target bull reds this fall, don't miss this meeting.

As for the remainder of the year, see below for the final, fabulous programs to be presented.

Nov – Dr. Jonas Magnuson presents "Fishing in Iceland"

Dec – Oleta Webb presents "Fishing in Montana"

Jim White



Project Healing Waters

We will be meeting on Mondays: The 7th, 14th and 28th at 10:00am. Come early and do a little casting practice.

We will have a three boat PHWFF outing on the Friday the 11th. *Russ Shields*

Fishing with Capt. Baz

September is always a slow month in my business, and this year was no different. Most of the tourists are gone and my regular clients prefer waiting for cooler weather. It's a good thing, too, because to use a term from Junior High School the fishing "sucked". Seems like either the heat index was over a hundred degrees or the wind was howling. We had good numbers of ladyfish earlier in the month, but even they have become hard to find. About the only thing dependable is sight-fishing for remoras at the USS Massachusetts, and who in their right mind wants to do that...



The only success I've had since my last report has been sight-fishing for slot-sized redfish along the inside flats. Tim English landed this first fish on August 28, and Peter Petruzzi landed his the next day. Those are the only redfish we've landed from the boat in the last month. Hard to imagine!



On days off I'm continuing to do a lot of wade-fishing on various sand flats in Santa Rosa Sound. Where I go depends on the wind, but my favorite areas are on the north side of the island. I talked about this last month and highly recommend it. There are plenty of redfish very close to shore, and they've been willing to eat the usual baitfish imitations. Earlier in the month they liked the gray/white, but for the past week or so they've changed to pinfish patterns. Put in a couple hours wading and you can count on getting shots at a dozen or more redfish. These aren't huge fish, but they'll take you into the backing if you use light enough tackle. Here's a photo of a typical redfish taken a few days ago when I had some company to snap the pic. I was using my favorite fly rod...a sweet little Sage RPL 6wt from the early 90's.

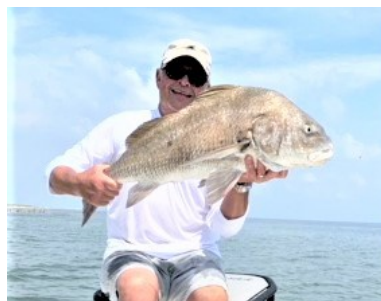
But better days are just around the corner! October will bring cooler temperatures and good numbers of big Spanish mackerel, bluefish, and pompano on our favorite grass beds! The redfish will get much more active with the first schools of bulls showing up by month's end! There's even a good chance for a late-season giant jack crevalle!

When the fishing gets tough we just keep fishing and look forward to better times ahead. We all know they're coming, so stay ready and keep casting...

Capt Baz

Fishing at the Chandeleurs

Corbett Davis, Jr. and friend, Carl Hiaasen, with black drum and redfish on the fly rod at Chandeleur on September 9. They also fished the Louisiana marsh on September 10 and caught numerous redfish from 10 to 25 pounds on the pumpkin pie fly and the Caucasian fly. They fished with Capt. Bo Meador
Corbett



Fly of the Month – *The Docksider* by Pat Murphy

MATERIALS:

HOOK: MUSTAD 3407 #4

THREAD FL. RED 140d

EYES: LARGE BLACK BEAD CHAIN

TAIL: PEARL WEB HOT WHITE

SKIRT: MEDIUM PALMER CHENILLE ROOT BEER BODY: REGULAR SILVER METALLIC ESTAZ

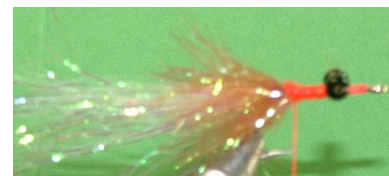
MATERIALS:



1. DEBARB HOOK, INSTALL EYES 3/16" BEHIND HOOK EYE, ADVANCE THREAD TO BEND

2. WRAP TAIL FIBER AT BEND 1-1/2-2 X HOOK SHANK LENGTH.

3. SECURE PALMER CHENILLE AT BASE OF TAIL TIE-IN. PALMER SKIRT WITH TIGHT TOUCHING WRAPS 5-6 WRAPS & SECURE. MAKE SKIRT WRAPS ENOUGH TO FORM A FULL SKIRT.



4. TIE IN BODY CHENILLE AT BASE OF SKIRT TIE-IN. PALMER BODY CHENILLE WITH CLOSE WRAPS TO REAR OF BEAD CHAIN EYES & SECURE.

5. WRAP TAPERED NOSE, WHIP FINISH & COVER WITH HEAD CEMENT OR UV CURED RESIN.

Club Fishing Trip Stone Lake: Century, Florida: November 6th

A club trip is planned for Stone Lake on November 6th. The lake is north of Pensacola and Cantonment off Hwy 29. Plan to arrive anytime during the morning of November 6th (Wednesday) and stay for grilled burgers with George Norton around noon.

Typical freshwater streamers (woolly buggers and Clouser Minnows) and poppers all work. Stone Lake is 130 acres and has Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Black Crappie and Channel Catfish. The Lake has tree lined banks and fish attracting structure which all proved successful on our spring trip.

Canoes and kayaks are best choices for fishing hard to reach and more productive areas. There is ample bank fishing opportunities for those without watercraft.

There is no need to go thru the gate and pay the admission fee. The entrance where we park is before the gatehouse. *George Norton*



PHW Trip - September 23



Minutes - September 4, 2019 Secretary, George Norton

Board Meeting The President Called the Board Meeting to Order at 1805 **Officers and Committees present:** President, Vice President. Treasurer, Secretary, Past Presidents, Membership, PHW, Education, Club Librarian, FFI Rep,

President's remarks: Don Smith will take over as Education Chair from Russ and our VP Jim White takes over PHW from Russ. These changes are effective year end. Our club is fortunate to have a deep and capable bench.

Many thanks to Russ for many years of service in developing Education and growing PHW. The President encourages newer members who would like to take a more active role to contact a Committees Chair or an Officer.

Christmas tickets are now for sale. See the Treasurer at one of the upcoming meetings.

The PHW seafood boil was a big success on Labor Day with 37 attendees at family day.

Treasurer's Report We will purchase special beer for the September Oktoberfest. We have 67 paid members and income from Christmas tickets will keep our finances in good shape. Russ moved to accept report and George seconded. Report was approved.

Minutes of 6 August Meeting approved. **Old Business:** Jim spoke about rack cards to promote more awareness for our club. These cards can be left in businesses such as tackle shops or public boards such as libraries. The cards are 3X 8 inches and 500 cost an estimated \$150. Motion by George seconded by Rex to purchase the cards. Approved.

We continue to work on the IRS nonprofit status.

New business: As announced, Don Smith will take over Education and he will need the club's continued support for the class in 2020.

In November we will have our elections and a Nominating Committee will provide a list of candidates. The Nominating Committee is headed up by Rex, Larry and Bob Korose. See one of the

Committee Members if you would like to run for a position on the Board or join a committee. New blood is always welcome.

Committee Reports:

Education: The class materials for next year's class are in good shape. The class will be ideally limited to 15 attendees. A person is only registered when he or she pays in full.

Club Outing: George is planning an outing on November 8 to Stone Lake in Century and will cook lunch. Bring your kayaks and canoes. The date TBA after the weather cools off. Stone lake has largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill.

Saturday Clinic: The third Saturday in September will feature a special Oktoberfest with beer and German food by Jerry Giles.

Membership: Danny compiled all the contact information on club members and if you need a club roster he will email you a club roster. Thanks Danny.

Public Relations: Those who use social media are reminded to please post information pertaining to the club.

Auction: A reminder we have storage for donations in the basement. The purchase of a credit card reader for chips was approved at an estimated \$40 cost.

Board Meeting adjourned at 1900

General Meeting called to order at 1912

Program: Jim White presented on fishing at Orvis Lodge in Paradise Valley, Montana. Jim fished four full days September 11-16, 2016 out of Hubbard, Montana population 12! A few days before his trip, Montana closed the entire Yellowstone River due to a fish kill. Jim nevertheless had a very successful trip. He and his guide floated the only open section of the River (four miles). They fished dry flies on day one and streamer fished on day two. He took 3, 4, 5, and 6 weigh fly rods all rigged with floating lines with 9-12 foot leaders. On day one, the dry flies were 12-14-16 and the trout averaged 14-16 inches. On day two he fished streamers with lead shot and an indicator and the trout averaged (16-18 inches). The streamers were a Muddler-Zonker combo and a fly called a golden retriever which resembled a wolly bugger. Later on day two he fished Tom Miners' creek which was full of brush for 8-10 inch cutthroats. At Miner's Creek he crawled on his hands and knees and had to make bow and arrow casts in heavy brush into a very small stream. What added to the drama was the presence of grizzly bears. His guide had bells and bear spray. On day three he fished Soda Butte Creek in Yellowstone Park and caught a number of 16-18 inch cutthroats fished on tiny 20-22 dry flies. They also fished the Gardiner River outside the Park for 10-12 inch brown trout and Joffe Lake in Yellowstone Park for rainbows and brook trout on Obsidian Creek. Jim also visited the FFI Museum in Bozeman and three fly shops. When asked how he handled six X tippet and size 22 dry flies, he suggested using a threader and a Davy Knot. Jim had a great trip. The lodge offers all kinds of opportunities for non-fishing spouses such as outings and massages. The food was excellent and Jim worked up quite an appetite and thirst after long days outdoors in the wild- west. The Orvis Lodge also has a private lake loaded with big rainbows and browns but Jim didn't get an opportunity to fish it. Thanks Jim for another wonderful presentation.

Fishing Reports: Terry caught a number of big ladyfish and a pompano. He had a great outing with his daughter on her birthday. His daughter accidentally broke a fly rod while fighting a big ladyfish but like a great Dad, Terry never complained. She now wants to learn to fly cast with Dad. George reported plenty of action on small jacks, bluefish and ladyfish on clousers along the beach and small trout of his condo at night on the flash fly. Big Spanish should move inshore in September as the Bay is loaded with baitfish.

The President adjourned the meeting at 2030.